

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 465

H. P. 359

House of Representatives, February 8, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Torrey of Poland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require Slow-moving Vehicles to Display Slow-moving Vehicle
Emblems while Operating on Maine's Highways.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

29 MRSA § 1374-A is enacted to read:

§ 1374-A. Slow-moving vehicles; display of emblems

All motor vehicles, including farm tractors and machinery operated on public ways that are designed to operate at speeds not to exceed 25 miles per hour, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem, mounted in a manner that is visible from a distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

The Commissioner of Transportation shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act pertaining to the issuance of slow-moving vehicle emblems and to the administration of this section. The emblems required by the Act shall conform to the emblems designed by the United States Department of Transportation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to protect the general public traveling along public ways. This bill requires slow-moving vehicles designed to travel at speeds not in excess of 25 miles per hour to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem that is visible for 500 feet behind the vehicle. The United States Department of Transportation has designed emblems for slow-moving vehicles which could be adopted for use in Maine.